

Amendments of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-81. (Canceled)

82. (Previously presented) A system for locking an item, said system comprising:

a containing element configured to receive and enclose said item, said containing element comprising a
5 seating area adapted to seat said item; and

a lock comprising:

a base having a portion configured to move inside said containing element when said containing element is closed; and

10 a first catch mechanism attached to said portion and configured to be moved relative to said portion by a magnetic field.

83. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said containing element comprises a first enclosing member and a second enclosing member, said containing element enclosing said item when said first enclosing member is moved
5 to a position adjacent said second enclosing member.

84. (Previously presented) The system of claim 83 wherein said first enclosing member is hinged to said second enclosing member.

85. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said catch mechanism is configured to automatically engage said containing element when said portion is disposed inside said containing element and is urged toward the
5 outside of said containing element.

86. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said catch mechanism comprises at least one component subject to a magnetic force when said catch mechanism is in the presence of said magnetic field.

87. (Previously presented) The system of claim 86 wherein said component comprises metal.

88. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said catch mechanism is configured to be displaced by a magnetic field, when said containing element is closed, from a first position inside said containing element to a
5 second position inside said containing element.

89. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said item is a storage medium.

90. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said item is a recording medium.

91. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said catch mechanism is moveable to a position in which said catch mechanism does not extend beyond a periphery of said base.

92. (Previously presented) The system of claim 91 wherein said catch mechanism comprises at least one component subject to a magnetic force in the presence of a magnetic field.

93. (Previously presented) The system of claim 92 wherein said component comprises metal.

94. (Previously presented) The system of claim 91 wherein application of said magnetic field is effective to move said catch mechanism to said position.

95. (Previously presented) The system of claim 94 wherein said catch mechanism is moveable to a position in which a portion of said catch mechanism extends beyond said periphery.

96. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said containing element comprises an indent adapted to receive a finger of a user.

97. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said containing element is further configured to receive a memory card.

98. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said containing element comprises a document retaining member.

99. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said document retaining member includes a gripping element.

100. (Previously presented) The system of claim 99 wherein said gripping element comprises a rib.

101. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said containing element comprises a hub configured to retain said item.

102. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said portion is configured to support a security tag.

103. (Previously presented) The system of claim 83 wherein at least one of said first and second enclosing members comprises a loop configured to receive said portion.

104. (Previously presented) The system of claim 83 wherein:

said first enclosing member comprises a first loop and said second enclosing member comprises a second
5 loop; and,

when said containing element is locked, said lock is present in said first loop and in said second loop.

105. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein:

said lock further comprises a handle portion;
and,

5 when said containing element is locked, said handle portion is not enclosed in said containing element.

106. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said magnetic field is emitted by a magnetic decoupler.

107. (Previously presented) The system of claim 106 wherein said magnetic field is configured to decouple said catch mechanism from said containing element.

108. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82 wherein said lock further comprises a second catch mechanism attached to said portion and configured to be moved relative to said portion by a magnetic field.

109-119. (Canceled)

120. (New) A system for locking an item, said system comprising:

a containing element including first and second enclosure members, said containing element configured
5 to enclose said item; and

a lock comprising:

a base having a portion configured to move inside said containing element when said containing element is closed; and

10 a catch mechanism attached to said portion and configured to be moved relative to said portion by a magnetic field.

121. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said catch mechanism is further configured to engage said containing element to lock said containing element in a closed configuration.

122. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said containing element encloses said item when said first enclosure member is moved to a position adjacent said second enclosure member.

123. (New) The system of claim 122 wherein said first enclosure member is hinged to said second enclosure member.

124. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said catch mechanism is further configured to automatically engage said containing element when said portion is disposed inside said containing element and is urged toward the outside of
5 said containing element.

125. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said catch mechanism comprises at least one component subject to a magnetic force when said catch mechanism is in the presence of said magnetic field.

126. (New) The system of claim 125 wherein said component comprises metal.

127. (New) The system of claim 125 wherein said component is a first component and said catch mechanism further comprises at least one second component that is not subject to said force.

128. (New) The system of claim 127 wherein said second component is configured to be moved by said first component.

129. (New) The system of claim 128 wherein, of said first and second components, only said second component is configured to engage said containing element.

130. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said catch mechanism is configured to be displaced by said magnetic field, when said containing element is closed, from a first position inside said containing element to a second
5 position inside said containing element.

131. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said item is a storage medium.

132. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said item is a recording medium.

133. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said catch mechanism is moveable to a position in which said catch mechanism does not extend beyond a periphery of said base.

134. (New) The system of claim 133 wherein said catch mechanism comprises at least one component subject to a magnetic force in the presence of a magnetic field.

135. (New) The system of claim 134 wherein said component comprises metal.

136. (New) The system of claim 133 wherein application of said magnetic field is effective to move said catch mechanism to said position.

137. (New) The system of claim 136 wherein said catch mechanism is further moveable to a position in which a portion of said catch mechanism extends beyond said periphery.

138. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said containing element comprises an indent adapted to receive a finger of a user.

139. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said containing element is further configured to receive a memory card.

140. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said containing element comprises a document retaining member.

141. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said document retaining member includes a gripping element.

142. (New) The system of claim 141 wherein said gripping element comprises a rib.

143. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said containing element comprises a hub configured to retain said item.

144. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said portion is configured to support a security tag.

145. (New) The system of claim 122 wherein at least one of said first and second enclosure members comprises a loop configured to receive said portion.

146. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein:
said first enclosure member comprises a first
loop and said second enclosure member comprises a second
loop; and,
5 when said containing element is locked, said
lock is present in said first loop and in said second loop.

147. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein:
said lock further comprises a handle portion;
and,
when said containing element is locked, said
5 handle portion is not enclosed in said containing element.

148. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said
magnetic field is emitted by a magnetic decoupler.

149. (New) The system of claim 148 wherein said
magnetic field is configured to disengage said catch
mechanism from said containing element.

150. (New) The system of claim 120 wherein said
lock further comprises a second catch mechanism attached to
said portion and configured to be moved relative to said
portion by a magnetic field.